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DECLARATION OF ELEANOR M. MUSICK

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Sir:

1. I, Eleanor M. Musick, am registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
2. I supervised the filing of the above-identified application.
3. By a letter dated January 11, 2002 addressed to Nancy F. Woodward, Patent Program Manager at BellSouth Intellectual Property Management Corporation a copy of the application papers was transmitted. A copy of this letter, with privileged portions redacted, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As indicated, on the "cc" line, a copy of the letter with enclosures, i.e., the patent application was sent to each of the inventors (individually, by first class mail) at their current business

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 12th day of December 2002 with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to BOX DAC, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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addresses at BellSouth for those who were listed in the BellSouth employee directory as of January 11, 2002. This included Raffaella Carlomusto, who, although an employee of Accenture, was on long-term assignment at the BellSouth facility in Tucker, Georgia. Because Sergio Castañeda was not listed in the BellSouth employee directory as of January 11, 2002, it was assumed that he was no longer employed by BellSouth, so the letter and enclosure were sent to his last-known residence address.

4. The letter and enclosure sent to Ms. Carlomusto was returned to us marked "Addressee Unknown", so it was re-sent by placing the original letter and enclosure in an envelope addressed to her last known residence address.

5. On January 30, 2002, because we were instructed to direct all correspondence for the Accenture inventors to Mr. Wayne Sobon, who is responsible for Intellectual Property at Accenture, subsequent letters were sent to Ms. Carlomusto and Mr. Castañeda in care of Mr. Wayne Sobon at Accenture.

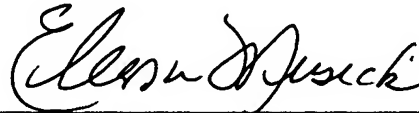
6. During a telephone conference with Mr. Castañeda, he advised me that he had been instructed by his employer (Accenture) to not sign any documents in connection with the application until negotiations with BellSouth were completed.

7. Copies of the application and drawings were again sent to both Ms. Carlomusto and Mr. Castañeda at their respective residence addresses once we were advised that the Accenture inventors would be permitted to execute the patent documents.

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Declaration Of Eleanor M. Musick
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 12 day of December, 2002.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eleanor M. Musick", written in dark ink.

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